CBSE courses for NRIs

1869. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned, "CBSE course for NRIs a flop show", published in the Pioneer dated 19th June, 2002;

(b) if so, whether an International accreditation course of CBSE in Indian culture and languages has not been implemented due to which NRIs are not familiar with their native language and culture;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to expand its base of languages in other countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) As per the information furnished by the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), the Board is in the process of developing/ printing course material for International accreditation courses in Indian languages and Indian culture and is to be launched shortly. The objective of the courses is to facilitate the Indian diaspora settled abroad with the knowledge of Indian languages and culture.

(d) The subordinate/autonomous organisations under the Ministry of Human Resource Development like the Central Hindi Directorate, New Delhi, the Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL), Mysore and the Kendriya Hindi Sansthan (KHS), Agra etc. are engaged in promotion and propagation of Hindi Language and other major Indian Languages through the courses and schemes launched by them for NRIs and other people living abroad.

Rehabilitation of girls saved from brothels

1870. SHRI RAJU PARMAR:
SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Delhi High Court has directed various

State Governments for rehabilitation process of minor girls saved from brothels;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what steps the Central Government have taken to convey the direction of Delhi High Court for rehabilitation of minor girls in the poverty alleviation and employment generation programmes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) In criminal writ petition No. 532/1992 the High Court of Delhi has directed that the rescued girls who have completed their role as witnesses in the lower court shall be repatriated to their respective States and properly rehabilitated and reintegrated into the society by the concerned State Governments. A Delhi based NGO, has been asked to help Delhi Police in repatriation of these girls in coordination with local NGOs of the respective States.

The State Governments have also been asked to submit comprehensive project proposals to the Department of Women and Child Development, Government of India. Some of these States have since submitted the project proposals which have been sanctioned under newly launched scheme of Swadhar and general Grant-in-aid scheme of the Department.

Nutritional support to Primary Education in Karnataka

1871. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to answer to Starred Question 34, given in the Rajya Sabha on 1st March, 2002 and state:

(a) whether the Karnataka Government has requested or enhancing he quantity of wheat or rice, supplied under the scheme of nutritional support to primary education from 3 to 5 Kilogams per child per month; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) Yes, Sir.